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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/551,973
Filing Date	April 14, 2000
First Named Inventor	Barbara Westfield
Group Art Unit	1761
Examiner Name	Drew E. Becker
Attorney Docket Number	830053.410

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted
i. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____ (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b. Enclosed
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
2. Miscellaneous
a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
a. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No 19-1090.
i. <input type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check in the amount of \$ 944 enclosed
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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2003

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) **944**

<i>Complete if Known</i>	
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Fee	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	750	2001	375	Utility filing fee			
1002	330	2002	165	Design filing fee			
1003	520	2003	260	Plant filing fee			
1004	750	2004	375	Reissue filing fee			
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee			
				SUBTOTAL (1)	(\$ 0)		

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims	Fee (\$)	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
20	-20** =	0	* 18	= 0
6	-5** =	1	* 84	= 84
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description
1202	18	2202 9 Claims in excess of 20
1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	84	2204 42 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
		SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 84)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)					
3. ADDITIONAL FEES					
Large Entity		Small			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2520	1812	2520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1840*	1805	1840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	110
1252	410	2252	205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253	465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1450	2254	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1970	2255	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	320	2401	160	Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1510	1451	1510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
1453	1300	2453	650	Petition to revive – unintentional	
1501	1300	2501	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502	235	Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503	315	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee for provisional applications	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	2809	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	750	2810	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	750	2801	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	750
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Other fee (specify) _____					
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